

# ACCESS FOR ALL VOTERS

## IN SOUTH CAROLINA

### *South Carolina citizens have a number of ways to register and vote.*

Election officials work to ensure every voter has full access to the voting process.

### Voter Registration

- ⦿ Register online at **scVOTES.gov** (requires a DMV Driver's License or DMV ID)
- ⦿ Register by mail, email or fax by downloading an application at **scVOTES.gov**
  - Large print application is available
  - Print, sign, and return the application to your county voter registration and elections office
- ⦿ Register in person at your county voter registration and elections office
- ⦿ Register while receiving services at these agencies:
  - Armed Forces Recruiting Stations
  - Commission for the Blind
  - Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
  - Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
  - Department of Health and Environmental Control
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Department of Mental Health

- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Social Services
- Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities
- Vocational Rehabilitation Department

### Absentee Voting

Voters with disabilities are qualified to vote absentee prior to election day. See a full list reasons to vote absentee at **scVOTES.gov**.

#### In Person

Visit your county voter registration and elections office or satellite location (if available) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, complete an application, and cast your ballot. You will be asked to provide Photo ID. If you do not have a Photo ID, your county voter registration and elections office will provide a free Voter Registration Card with Photo.

#### By Mail

##### Step 1: Get your application.

- ⦿ **scVOTES.gov** (requires a printer).
- ⦿ Call or email your county voter registration and elections office to be mailed an application.

**Step 2: Complete, sign and return the application** to your county voter registration and elections office as soon as possible by email, mail, fax, or personal delivery.

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- ⦿ You should return your application at least two weeks before election day.
- ⦿ The deadline to return your application is 5:00 p.m. on the fourth day prior to the election. **WARNING:** Applying late puts your ballot at risk of not being returned by the deadline.

**Step 3: Receive your absentee ballot in the mail.** Voters who have applied early will be mailed their absentee ballot approximately 30 days before the election.

**Step 4: Vote and return the ballot** to your county voter registration and elections office either by mail or personal delivery. Be sure to sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed.

- ⦿ Ballots must be received by the county voter registration and elections office by 7:00 p.m. on election day.
- ⦿ To help ensure timely delivery, mail your ballot no later than one week prior to election day.
- ⦿ Visit **scVOTES.gov** to see when your application and ballot have been sent and received.

## Polling Place Accessibility

County boards of voter registration and elections work to find polling places that are accessible and include:

- ⦿ Accessible parking places
- ⦿ Any necessary curb cuts and ramps

- ⦿ Accessible pathways
- ⦿ Signs directing voters to the accessible entrance
- ⦿ Railing along ramps and stairs
- ⦿ Accessible doorways

If you encounter accessibility issues, notify your county voter registration and elections office.

## Assistance in Voting

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting. You must inform a poll manager if you require assistance. You may choose anyone to assist in casting your ballot except for your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. Poll managers have printed instructions available for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## Curbside Voting

Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line to vote due to a disability or being age 65 or older may vote in their vehicle. Curbside voting does not require a disability parking placard. Poll managers monitor the curbside voting area at a minimum of 15-minute intervals. Only the voter is allowed in the vehicle while voting unless the voter is entitled to assistance. The driver and other passengers in the vehicle are not entitled to vote curbside unless they personally meet the qualifications.

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### Voting System

The design of the voting machine makes for easy use. Every ballot marking device provides:



- ⦿ Tabletop placement for wheelchair accessibility



- ⦿ Full color touch screen display with zoom functionality and high-contrast white-and-black mode



- ⦿ Audio-Tactile Keypad



- ⦿ Headphone Jack



- ⦿ Input for Sip-and-Puff Device and other Assistive Switches

### For More Information

Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scVOTES.gov) for more information and to find contact information for your county voter registration and elections office.

**Ask your county voter registration and elections office for literature on any of the following topics:**

- ⦿ **Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Voter Registration in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Absentee Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **South Carolina's Paper-Based Voting System**

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